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- 1. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY OTHER REPORTS YOU RECEIVE REGARDING GOM INTENTION TO RENEGOTIATE ITS EXTERNAL DEBT. AS YOU WELL KNOW, MEXICO IS SECOND LARGEST (AFTER BRAZIL) LDC DEBTOR AND ANY MOVE TO "RENEGOTIATE" DEBT WOULD HAVE BROAD IMPLICATIONS.
- 2. WE SHARE YOUR BELIEF THAT IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT GOM INTENDS TO RENEGOTIATE DEBT. MEXICO CONTINUES TO SEEK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBSTANTIAL PRIVATE BANK BORROWINGS, AND BY EMPHASIZING FAVORABLE ECONOMIC PROSPECTS HOPES TO ENHANCE ITS IMAGE OF "CREDITWORTHINESS". MOVES TO RENEGOTIATE DEBT WOULD CAST DOUBTS ON MEXICO'S CREDIT STANDING, AND JEOPARDIZE GOM ACCESS TO PRIVATE MARKETS. MOVEOVER, THE "PARIS CLUB" TRADITIONALLY RESCHEDULES ONLY GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENT GUARANTEED DEBT. USUALLY SHORT-TERM CREDITS, ALL BANK

CREDITS AND ALL LOANS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS (WORLD BANK, ETC.) HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED. THEREFORE, ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF MEXICO'S CURRENT DEBT SERVICE COULD BE COVERED BY A PARIS CLUB RESCHEDULING. VANCE

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